



JACK HIGH  
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2024

## National and County info

Huge congratulations to Morgan Merryweather on winning the National Two Wood Singles Championship. Good luck to our Men in the triples and fours this month.

Well done to our Men on winning the Berkshire Inter Club Championship defeating Desborough and West Berks.

Congratulations to Luke Cleave, Malcolm Giles, Chris Cadman and Alan Symondson on winning the county fours title at Desborough.



## Summer Webber

I want to update you on some great news for the Summer Season. Due to the success of last season's Summer Webber and the growth that continues with the club membership we will be running 2 Webber Sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Summer now. This will be as per the Winter Webber timings- 9.30am-11.00am and 11.00am-12.30pm. The price will reflect this, and a session will be £3 this Summer. We feel this will enhance the members experience of the Webber. We will make an assessment as we progress as to the success of this trial.

## Board of Directors

Chris Hopkins will be joining the Board of Directors on a 3-month period having been co-opted on by the Board.

## Summer-Early Bird Roll ups

We will be carrying on this season with Early Bird Roll ups on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays in the Summer season, from 7.00am-9.00am. No need to book, just turn up!

## Webber information

As we approach the end of the season, we have our last Winter Webber on Friday 19th April. The final week of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 19th April no points are scored, and this is just a relaxed fun Webber week.

The Summer Webber then re-starts on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.00am. Sessions are £3 and 1 ½ hours. As mentioned above.

## Recreation Afternoons

We are looking for members to feedback to us whether we have any members that would be willing to either play any games such bridge, crib, scrabble etc. with the potential of some afternoon/evenings or alternatively teach these games to those wishing to play. If you can let Andy know.

## Crown Green Competition

We will be having a Crown Green competition on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April-9.30am start. This will be a fun packed day with multiple games on the green playing in all directions!! The day will be £10 per person for the bowling and food. The format of the day will be a 2 bowl pairs round robin with games lasting 5 ends. There will be cash prizes for the winners and runners up at the end of the day. We will be asking for you to enter in pairs, so if you can provide the names of both players. **DO NOT ENTER INDIVIDUALLY.** Please enter your pairs on the noticeboard opposite the front desk.

## Finals Week

Please refer to the competition's noticeboards for the final's week programme for the Men, Ladies and Mixed club competitions, this is still being completed due to semi-finals still to be played. We would urge as many of you to come and watch and support members in these finals including the singles finals on the last evening of the season Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

A reminder all leagues and competitions will have some prize money to collect. The competitions trophies for main comps and prize money for the main comps and plate comps will be presented at the conclusion of the finals on the evening. The leagues, Webber and Friday finals will be presented in the lounge on Friday 19th April.

Your support makes a huge difference to the atmosphere the finals are played in. So please come along each evening to watch some fantastic games.

## This month at the club

Fri	13:00	05-Apr-2024	FISH AND CHIP FRIDAY to 17:30	Whiteknights
Sun	12:03	07-Apr-2024	Whiteknights vs Three Mile Cross BC- no meal	Whiteknights
Wed	14:30	10-Apr-2024	Whiteknights vs Abingdon	Whiteknights
Fri	10:00	12-Apr-2024	Finance & Estates Meeting	Whiteknights
Sat	09:00	13-Apr-2024	CROWN GREEN FUN DAY	Whiteknights
Sat	18:30	13-Apr-2024	Whiteknights Finals Week	Whiteknights
Sun	13:00	14-Apr-2024	SUNDAY LUNCH to 15:00	Whiteknights
Sun	18:30	14-Apr-2024	Whiteknights Finals Week	Whiteknights
Mon	18:30	15-Apr-2024	Whiteknights Finals Week	Whiteknights
Tue	18:30	16-Apr-2024	Whiteknights Finals Week	Whiteknights
Wed	16:30	17-Apr-2024	Inner Wheel	Whiteknights
Wed	18:30	17-Apr-2024	Whiteknights Finals Week	Whiteknights
Thu	18:30	18-Apr-2024	Whiteknights Finals Week	Whiteknights
Fri	09:00	19-Apr-2024	Board Meeting	Whiteknights
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## A POEM FROM ALAN STOCKWELL ABOUT WHITEKNIGHTS

### **THE CLUB**

It was back in 1962 that the idea was seeded -  
Wokingham outdoor club thought an indoor club was needed.  
They proposed a four-rink green to be built upon their land  
The local council scuppered that; it didn't suit their plan.  
Step up Maiden Erlegh who said "We've got just the place"  
And so, the indoor bowls club plan began to gather pace.

Eventually the green was laid; it really was a beaut  
Fifteen hundred tons of cement covered by one mile of jute.  
Now a name was needed, and Whiteknights seemed just right  
As a local, John de Erlegh, was known as the White Knight.

Well, when I say a local John was to the Manor born  
But that was the 13<sup>th</sup> Century so when the club was built, he'd gorn!  
For the next ten years the club just grew, for it was very plain  
Indoors the sun won't burn your skin and you're out of the rain.  
But the local council got excited by the cars parked all around  
And said, "We are not having this; we'll have to close you down".  
But Maiden Erlegh, bless 'em, said "Sod that for a lark".  
"We'll do some re-arranging and make you a nice car park".  
Once again, the outdoor club turned out to be our saviour  
This shows that, in a crisis, they are the nicest neighbour.

Then suddenly fifty years have flown, and Whiteknights is still going  
With Andy Knapper at the helm to ensure the club keeps growing.  
The job takes dedication and has many and varied tasks  
Lots of early mornings and many hours of hard graft.  
The club is just a friendly place to come and spend your time  
Hazel in the kitchen makes it an excellent place to dine.  
The 'open days' are popular; there are always new people arriving  
Our coaches are among the best and ensure the game keeps thriving.  
The minute you walk through the door you know it's the right place  
Because the first thing you will see is Morgan's smiling face!

All of our committee members give up hours of their time  
Taking care of members' welfare and that means yours and mine.  
Social events are popular for, what the Irish call, the craic  
Even Elvis came along and, who knows, he might come back!  
We have some top-class bowlers who keep the club's name high  
In the Counties and the Nationals and in the public eye.  
The Webbers are a source of giving you a chance to come and play  
The new ones and the old ones who, like me, have had their day.  
I believe the reason that I'm still here can be put down to the Webber  
It gives me cause to get up at six o'clock regardless of the weather.

I know I cannot play the game the way I used to do  
But I never thought I'd still be playing at the age of ninety-two!  
And so, my fellow members appreciate this social hub  
Whiteknights Indoor Bowls; the place we simply call 'the club'.